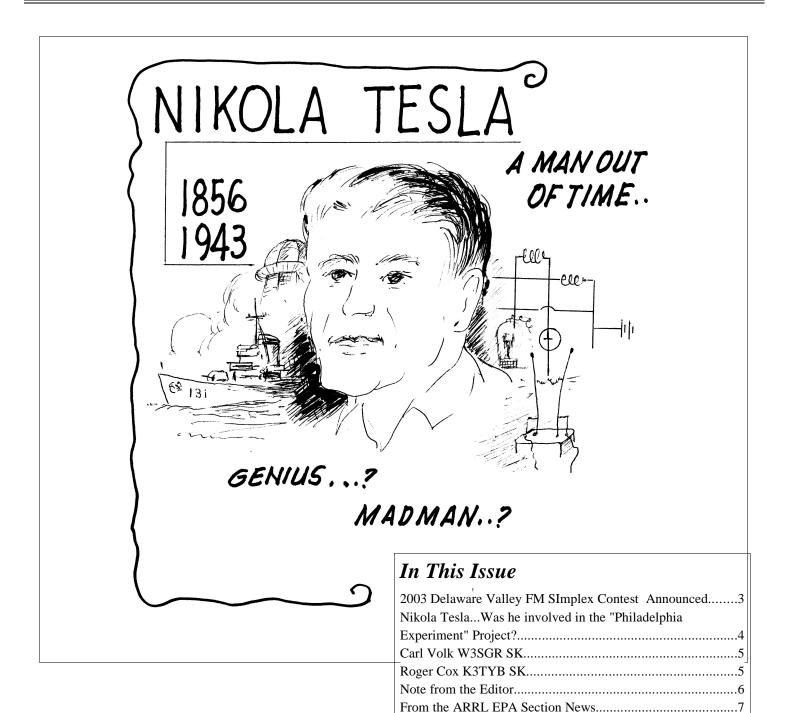


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### Club Stations

**W3QV** Club Repeater – *Trustee*: W3BBB Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA 147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz

W3EM – Field Day and special events station – Trustee W3VVS Club 2m simplex frequency: 147.51 MHz

### Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- 2 Meter Net at 09:30et on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net** at 10:00et 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)
- **75 meter Net** at 10:20et 3.993 MHz LSB

#### Contact Philmont:

P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001 for club information contact any club officer or the repeaters listed below

http://www.phil-mont.org webmaster Steve WU3I wu3i@arrl.net

Address and club directory changes, and articles that are for the PMRC *membership e-mail list* should be sent to: wb3koj@comcat.com

#### License Examinations

are held on the first non-holiday Thursday of every month at Northeast High School, Cottman and Algon. Registration begins at 6:00 P.M. Doors closed and locked at 6:30 P.M. Sharp! Exams begin.

### The club meets

at 7:30 PM on the second non-holiday Wednesday of every month except July and August at The Masonic Home 801 Ridge Pike Lafayette Hill, PA 19444-1799 All visitors are welcome!

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# 2003 Delaware Valley FM SImplex Contest Announced

New Date! -- More Frequencies!

(Philadelphia, PA) The Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club of Philadelphia is pleased to announce the third annual Delaware Valley FM Simplex Contest to be held March 8, 2003. This year the Contest will include the 440 MHz FM band.

With so many people having dual band radios this was a natural progression for the contest. The change in date avoids a conflict with the Delaware QSO Party.

Winners of the 2002 Contest in the Club category: Battleship New Jersey

Amateur Radio Society, NJ2BB (High Power): Delaware Valley Radio Association,

W2ZQ (Low Power).

Individual winners Mary Von Lintig, KV2M (High Power) and Rick Stoneking, W2RDS (Low Power). The Rover award went to Richard Von Lintig, KV2R. Congratulations to all! For a complete list of the results from last year's contest contact WM3PEN@harcnet.org.

The contest is open to all radio amateurs. Stations within a 60 mile radius of Philadelphia's City Hall will exchange their zip code and contact number. Stations outside of the 60 mile radius will exchange their state and contact number. Stations from New York to

Maryland will be able to participate in this evening event.

According to HARC President Mike Wurgley, N3LXN, the contest is designed for hams to have fun over a 4 hour period from 7–11 PM local time on a Saturday night. The contest allows hams to meet their neighbors on the air as well as give many the opportunity to experience something else besides repeater contacts. The 60 mile radius reaches just about all of the county boundaries surrounding Philadelphia. This also opens up an opportunity for approximately 60 clubs to participate in the event.

When choosing City Hall as the center of the contest, Wurgley noted the statue of William Penn on top of City Hall. "What better center point for the contest and the sponsoring organization whose club call is WM3PEN."

The contest gives individuals as well as clubs to participate in the event. Bonus points are being allowed for contacting club stations/callsigns.

"We realize that everyone will not be able to contact WM3PEN so we're giving clubs a chance to put their club callsign on the air." This could be from a club station or an individual's home. "We don't know what the weather will be in March, but this gives everyone the chance to operate from home." There is no advanced registration for Club callsigns with the sponsoring group. This will allow many clubs to make a last minute decision to make their voice heard in the area.

Contacts can be made on any 2 meter or 440 MHz FM voice frequency provided there is no

interference to repeater, digital, satellite, or other activities taking place in the two meter or 440 band. Contacts on 146.52 will not be permitted.

Awards will be issued to individual top scores in a high and low power category. Club station awards will also be issued in the high and low power category. There is also an opportunity for Clubs to sponsor awards for their members in a high and low power categories. An award will also be issued for the highest mobile score.

For further information contact WM3PEN@harcnet.org

### Sample Contact Exchange

1. If you live in the 60 mile radius of William Penn (Philadelphia City Hall)

KB3AKK de WM3PEN Pse copy Nr.1 zip 19136

2. If you live outside of the 60 mile radius

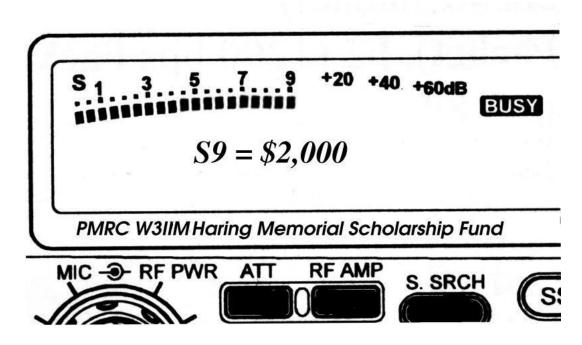
WM3PEN de W1AW Pse copy Nr. 1 PA.

3. If you work any club call exchange your information and make a note of the

Club name. ALL club calls will be worth 2 points. All other contacts count as 1 point. Final score will be the number of contact points X the number of zip codes or states in high (10W or more) and low power (less than 10W) categories. A state is counted in place of a zip code – not in addition to it. For example if 2 contacts are made: N3LXN 19001 and W3XYZ in PA (more than 60 miles away) the score is 2. Individual, club station, and mobile awards will be issued. Clubs can issue their own membership awards.

A list of zip codes up to 60 miles from Philadelphia's City Hall is available.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** All logs, either paper or electronic should be received by April 8, 2003. Logs may be sent to the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 6253, Philadelphia, PA 19136 or emailed to WM3PEN



We're pleased to report that the W3IIM Haring Memorial Scholarship Fund has met its \$2,000 goal for 2003. Many thanks to all who contributed to once again funding a scholarship for a worthy young amateur radio operator and student in the Eastern Pennsylvania or Southern New Jersey ARRL section.

# About this month's cover:

# Nikola Tesla...Was he involved in the "Philadelphia Experiment" Project?

For those who know little or nothing about Nikola Tesla, here are a few facts on what he has done or dealt with. As a known electrician and inventor, he worked for a short time as an assistant to Thomas Edison, and as a pinoeer in high–tension electrical power. He made many discoveries and

inventions to the development of radio transmission. The include the system of arc lighting, the electric motor, and the Tesla coil generator to increase high–frequency currents. He also designed the power system at Niagra, and many of his experiments were never duplicated.

He was greatly involved in the energy fields of the earth, the bands of energy also known as "dragon paths" by the ancient Chinese. He also belioved that harnessing and distributing this free energy could power the Earth. Some theorize that Tesla was murdered by the oil producers that did not want this knowledge of free energy to become commonplace. There are also those whosat that Tesla's theoy and the Einsten team at Princeton had a measure of control over space—time physics, a basis for the

"Philadelphia Experiment". These two scientists, however, had some differences in their experiments. Tesla, for example, experimented with high electrical power and developed a power source that moved objects from point to point without any change in the object's make—up. Einstein, of course, belived that an object or matter can be changed to energy and back to matter again. This was the theory of the "Philadelphia Experiment".

Those who are not aware of my research into this may request our editor to rerun my story, I will provide it again. —de Sam N3QIE

## Carl Volk W3SGR SK

Carl W3 Sweet Ginger Rogers, better known as "Doctor Chuckles", passed away January 13 1am. at 94. He was survived by his stepson Bob, Bob's wife Kathleen, and five grandchildren (including grandson Bobby, WA3LLK, who followed him in ham radio) and two great grandchildren.

Carl was an early supporter of PMRC from the beginning in 1949. We started on ten mobile where I first met him as my very first moblie radio contact when I moved to Narberth from Detroit. I moved in a block away and worked him mobile with a two hundred watt ART13, 813 final and locked up his receiver on ten meters.

He named this publication the "TVI Retreat" when ten meters was doing its job on TV with all our mobiles going by the local bars and scrambling up the picture all over the city. We were not very popular then. Later he renamed it "The Blurb" as it is today, and wrote articles for it. A most wonderful absolutely selfless, person taking care of everyone else except himself. As a dentist in Narberth he refused to charge our family for all our care.

He built a computer from scratch when they did not exist, ordering parts from everyplace and it worked the first time. When he tried to upgrade it – it bombed out and never got going again. Always tinkering with radio and a top CW

operator, with a new hot idea.



He was my 20 meter emergency relay station from Thule, Greenland to link up with Betty and family and my manager at RCA Moorestown when telephones did not exist to the arctic..

He was a better investment advisor than any in town, listening to all his patients. As a fisherman in Beach Haven at 126 18th St. He was the best chasing blues outside, and flounder in the bay with several upgrades of boats. His favorite time was giving PMRC a cookout party with "W3SGR's hot dogs" which better in fact tasted like large filet steaks off the grill in the back yard. In Beach Haven, the cottage was strung with antennas that worked

very well. All self respecting sea gulls stayed away at their peril

I, and many, will miss our favorite Doctor Chuckles, with his up-beat smiley demeanor, leaving a vacuum that will never be filled.

--DE W3PXY.

## Roger Cox K3TYB SK

**Roger N. Cox, K3TYB**, died on October 20, 2002. He became a Phil–Mont member in 1977, and used to attend meetings quite frequently, His date of birth is listed in our records as 2/28/12, making him 90 years of age.



#### Note from the Editor...

It's been a real introduction to PMRC history to have the club archives housed here at Chez K3XS/NG3P. And I made an unguided tour of some of the archives as a part of researching the Silent Keys we unfortunately had to report on this month ("SGR is working on a rig to be hidden in a Martha Washington Desk just south of the dental chair and cleverly camoflaged to look like a set of false teeth...Carl fell into a hole too. Havent seen him since. Last we heard he was having trouble getting the TBS50 on 75..." ---the TVI Retreat, 1952).

Unaccustomed as I am to dealing with documents on paper—not to mention documents produced before I was born!—it was nontheless fascinating to learn more about the history of our club and some of the more famous events of its past. For example, I was only the three—year old firstborn of the Methodist pastor of New Hope PA when the Phil—Mont marshalled 100 mobile amateur operators for emergency service during the

flooding created by Hurricane
Diane in August of 1955. Articles
from the Philadelphia Bulletin and
Inquirer, and the Pottstown Mercury
tell some of the story, as well as a
contemporary article from QST.
But nothing brings the story to life
like the renactment in the Phil—
Mont—produced broadcast quality
documentary film, "Every Single
Minute". There's a copy of that in
the archives, too.

Yes, we have all the meeting minutes, and just about every issue of *The Blurb* (and its predecessor, the *TVI Retreat*) ever produced. But not just paper documents: we have films and video, photographs including prints, slides and negatives, QSL cards, newspaper and magazine clippings, t—shirts, plaques, maps, signage, displays, even a crystal cut to a subharmonic of the club standard 10–meter frequency.

But one legacy that concerns me is the collection of photographs. Some are well documented as to where they were taken and what and who they portray. Some need little explanation even today—how many balloon aeronautical mobile operations could we have participated in? And in the photo above, everyone is displaying his callsign licence plate, so we know at least that much!

But in other photos...which Field Day is *this*? Was this the year we discovered partway through Field Day ops that the W3RQZ licence had expired? Who are *these* operators? Some are still with the club today, but for others, we "youngsters" have no idea whose pictures we're looking at. What about *this* meeting, *that* dinner dance, *those* election photos?

It would be good at some point soon for some of the longest-standing members of the club to meet for a session to review some of this material, so we can catalog and note down something about exactly who is who and what is what, or these details may be forever lost.

---de Maggie K3XS

# From the ARRL EPA Section News

### **EPA PIC to Serve on Public Relations Committee**

EPA Public Information
Coordinator Bob Josuweit,
WA3PZO, has been appointed to
the 2003 ARRL Public Relations
Committee. This will be Josuweit's
third year on the PRC. In making
the appointment, ARRL President
Jim Haynie thanked Bob for his
"commitment to the PRC", and for
all of his efforts in 2002.
WA3PZO's term runs for one year
and is subject to renewal.

Last year Josuweit contributed to the newly revised Public Relations Manual and assisted amateur radio operators around the country on issues involving the promotion of ham radio. Josuweit is a past winner of the Philip J. McGan Memorial Silver Antenna Award for demonstrating volunteer public relations success on behalf of Amateur Radio at the local, state or national level.

Josuweit has had articles published in QST, CQ-VHF, and Popular Communications. He is currently the Public Service Editor for CQ. He also edits the HARC Spark, the newsletter of the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club.

### Nominations Sought for CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame.

Nominations are now being accepted for the CQ Amateur Radio

Hall of Fame. Last year three EPA residents were nominated into the Hall. Do you know of someone else should be nominated this year?

The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame honors those whose technical or other accomplishments have helped propel amateur radio forward, or whose achievements in other areas of life have helped improve ham radio's reputation simply through association. Nominees for the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame will be judged on the basis of qualifying in one of two broad areas: those indi-viduals. whether licensed amateurs or not, who have made significant contributions to the amateur radio hobby, and those radio amateurs who have made significant contributions to society in general. Nominees must have made significant contributions of nationwide or worldwide impact.

Between now and March 31, 2003 nominations can be E-mailed to or mail to CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame, 25 Newbridge Rd., Hicksville, NY 11801. For further information check out the article on the CQ Website. http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/

### "Snowed In" Calls RACES

# Out

On December 5 Montgomery County received from six to ten inches of snowfall. This was enough for the van service that usually transports workers to and from the Manor Care Nursing Home of Lansdale (actually in Montgomeryville) to quit operating. Some workers scheduled to go off duty at 3 PM were in danger of being stranded while others scheduled to begin their shift had no way to get to work. The nursing home called the county for help. At about noon the county called Radio Officer Bob, W3ZQN.

Bob briefly considered using the data base information on those members who have said they could help in snow transportation, but decided that the fastest way to get volunteers was to set off the pagers. Three members who have four wheel drive vehicles responded: Charlie, KB3CO, Jerry, KB3EAA (accompanied by Tara, KB3GYO) and Jeff, K3UV.

They were first sent to the Cheltenham Mall to pick up an expected 12 workers needing a ride to work. As it turned out, all but two of the workers were able to make other arrangements, so at 2:30 PM the "caravan" proceeded to Montgomeryville to deliver the two workers and pick up 12 who needed to return to the mall.

In the end, two of the 12 were held over by supervision and only 10 made the return trip which was completed by 4 PM.

During this activation, W3ZQN acted as net control, aided by Bob, N3ZRR. Each vehicle was in constant contact with net control throughout the afternoon.

Other members who volunteered their services but who were not needed were Bob, KA3NIQ, Steve, N3LJZ and Andy, N3OMA. A big "Thank You" from Montgomery County and the Radio Officer for a job done quickly and professionally under difficult circumstances.(Tnx W3ZQN)

## For a number of

**issues...** we've omitted our listings of local amateur radio licence exams; the information we had had become out of date, and we weren't getting reliable corrections.

With this issue we'll resume the listings, using up—to—date information from the ARRL. Here are exams scheduled within 50 miles from Zip code 19101 for the month of February. You can search this database of exams at the ARRL website.

01-Feb-2003

Sponsor: MID ATLANTIC ARC Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins) Contact: ROBERT J LEES (610)265-6032 RJLEES@AOL.COM BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED MONTGOMERY AVE & FISHERS RD BRYN MAWR, PA 19010

04-Feb-2003

Sponsor: RARITAN BAY RA Time: 07:30PM (No walk-ins) Contact: BRIAN F BOCCARDI (732)398-1675 N2MPM@ARRL.NET FIRST AID SQUAD BLDG NEW RD PARK ACROSS THE STREET CALL TO REGISTER KENDALL PARK, NJ 08824

04-Feb-2003

Sponsor: HAM RADIO GROUP

OF BETHLEHEM

Time: 5:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: CARLOS R

VELAZQUEZ (610)866–7623 AZUCARERO5@HOTMAIL.CO



Upcoming PMRC VE
Exam Sessions at Northeast
High School:
February 6th
March 6th
(See page 2 for details)

Contact Dusty ND3Q 215 423 0386 or 215 879 0505

M 502 E 4TH ST SPANISH COUNCIL MAY ALSO CALL 610–861–8737 BETHLEHEM, PA 18015

06-Feb-2003

Sponsor: PHILMONT MOBILE

RADIO CLUB

Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: WILLIAM E RHOADS

(215)482 - 0386

ND3Q@JUNO.COM

SPACERESEARCHCENTER/NEH

S

REGISTRATION AT 6:00 PM DOORS CLOSED AT 6:30 PM PHILADELPHIA, PA 19104

09-Feb-2003

Sponsor: POTTSTOWN AREA

ARC

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ALAN R

GOODING(610)369–3783

AG3T@ARRL.NET

1409 FARMINGTON AVE

PRE-REGISTRATION

**REQUESTED** 

POTTSTOWN, PA 19464

15–Feb–2003 Sponsor: AWARE

Time: 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: RICHARD S MAGDY (302)475–2412
AA3VX@ARRL.NET
CONCORD PIKE PUBLIC
LIBRARY
3406 CONCORD PIKE
ROUTE 202 AND WHITBY
ROAD
CONCORD PIKE PUBLIC
LIBRARY
WILMINGTON, DE 19803

20-Feb-2003

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: DIANE Z NAFIS

(856)227 - 6281

COMMUNITY CENTER

**BROWNING ROAD AT LEWIS** 

**AVE** 

REGIS 6:30PM TEST 7:00 PM BELLMAWR, NJ 08031

24-Feb-2003

Sponsor: RF HILL ARC

Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: OLAF N MARKERT

(610)287 - 5450

N3ONM@ARRL.NET
INDIAN LIBRARY
COMMUNITY ROOM
100 E CHURCH RD
PRE-REGISTRATION URGED

TELFORD, PA 18969

24-Feb-2003

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: LORRAINE F

HOFFMASTER (215)633-9778

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: BUCKS COUNTY FREE

LIBRARY

3700 HULMEVILLE RD

1PERSONMUSTCALL1WEEKBE

**FORETEST** 

BENSALEM, PA 19020

# PMRC General **Meeting January 8**

53 people signed in including nonmembers. Ed KB3IV opened up a short meeting. W3AA was discussed as well as VE testing at the Northeast High School site. Dick W3RM treasurer discussed the Jack Haring Memorial Scholarship fund.

Ed KB3IV reported that the nets are doing fine and invited nonmembers to check in.

At this time, the meeting was closed and Ed assumed auctioneer duties, as the scheduled auctioneer Russ W3CH was unable to attend. Thanks to Bill W3AOK who assisted in the auction and Steve WU3I who assumed the treasurer's duty.

# **PMRC Board Of Director's Meeting** January 15

Attending the January Board Meeting were Al W3STW, Mike N3MT, Dick W3RM, Maggie K3XS, Steve WU3I, Bill W3AOK, Ed KB3IV, Fred WA3KIO, and Jim W3BBB.

**DX:** Mike N3MT regretted that due to his school schedule, he would delay his DX column until a later time.

**Treasurer:** Dick W3RM gave the year's end report stating we are in good shape for the coming year. Money will be sent to FAR for the 2003 Haring Memorial Fund. An

operating budget was proposed and passed by the board.

The auction netted Philmont \$118 in commissions and \$22 in registration fees.

A letter of thanks will be sent to the person who donated the door prizes.

The passing of Dr. Carl Vold was noted. There will be more in the Blurb.

Website: Steve WU3I will be putting a map of NE High on the website for VE testing.

Field Day: Steve has sent a letter reserving our spot at Fort Washington State Park for our Field Day site.

**Nets:** Ed KB3IV stated they are running well. There is access to the 2 meter/70 cm net with Echolink.

**Programs:** Al W3STW has the following programs lined up for 2003:

February will be the MS society. March, Echolink. April, W3PWG tribute May, Field Day June, Skywarn September, Philadelphia Electric October, Verizon November SSTV or Satellites December, elections

**W3AA:** A memorandum of understanding has been written with our intentions to do VE testing and the set up of W3AA in Northeast High School. Steve WU3I will also be up here to make a log of the equipment of W3YC. At this time the meeting was adjourned.

73 de WA3KIO



# **February Birthdays**

- 01 Charlotte Feierman (XYL K3EUI)
- 03 Barry Feierman K3EUI
- 04 Eunice Bohlander (XYL W3VVS)
- 05 Mike Concordia WB3KAC
- 09 Robin Morgan (XYL W7MM)
- 10 Sharon Masarsky N3GLU
- 17 Sam Smith K3GBA
- 18 Bill Mannino WA3NSP
- Mim Roeshman (XYL W3LKI)
- 23 Gene DiNardi N3XKE
- 24 Carmen DeCicco KE3QB Larry Pollack - N3VLC
- 25 Steve Pavlou KC2HGC

**DUES & DIRECTORY UPDATE** DUES ARE DUE...FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID, THIS IS YOUR NEXT TO LAST BLURB & YOUR LAST CHANCE TO UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY **INFORMATION. W3RM AWAITS YOUR MONEY!** 

(*Membership Stats* will resume in April)

# Dues & Directory Update

Dues are due...for those who have not paid, this is your next to last Blurb and your last chance to update your directory information. W3RM awaits your money!

Date	February 2003 PMRC Events
Sat 01	<u> </u>
Sun 02	NCS:2m WA3NSP - 75m W2AJV
Mon 03	
Tue 04	
Wed 05	Board of Directors Meeting WRDV Hatboro
Thu 06	VE Exams Northeast High School see page 2
Fri 07	
Sat 08	
Sun 09	NCS: 2m N3OWM -75m WA3KIO
Mon 10	
Tue 11	
Wed 12	PMRC Gnereal Meeting MS150 Pizza Party
Thu 13	
Fri 14	Valentine's Day
Sat 15	
Sun 16	NCS: 2m KB3IV – 75m KB3IV
Mon 17	
Tue 18	
Wed 19	
Thu 20	
Fri 21	President's Day
Sat 22	Washington's Birthday
Sun 23	NCS: 2m N3FTY – 75m W3STW
Mon 24	
Tue 25	
Wed 26	
Thu 27	
Fri 28	

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